Prisoners show hate by jeering Chambliss

Robert Chambliss, who has been charged with murder in the 1963 Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing, was transferred "for his own security" Tuesday afternoon at Jefferson County Jail from a cell block of male prisoners to an empty cell block ordinarily reserved for women inmates.

Chief correctional officer Lionel Bragan said there is strong feeling among the black prisoners against Chambliss, 73, of 2505 32nd Ave. North, who was arrested Monday night after being charged with four counts of first degree murder in connection with the church bombing.

The feeling, Bragan said, was demonstrated Tuesday when Chambliss had an interview with his defense lawyers. The interview was conducted in a small room adjoining the jail's basketball court. Prisoners stopped their game to jeer Chambliss when they realized he was in the adjoining room.

Although there are usually four prisoners to a cell, Chambliss had occupied a cell by himself in the male cell block on the seventh floor just after his arrest.

Since Tuesday afternoon, however, Chambliss has been the only prisoner in a block of five cells on the eighth floor, located in the women's section.

CHAMBLISS HAS already been issued his jail uniform of blue jeans and blue shirt, with the words Jefferson County Jail across the shirt.

Deputies will take Chambliss to a shower area in his empty block at 4:30 a.m. each day so he can shower and shave. The 453 other prisoners in the county jail will be doing the same thing, at the same time, but in different parts of the jail.

Afterwards, the other prisoners will go to the dayrooms on their blocks to eat breakfast. Chambliss, meanwhile, will return to his cell, where all his meals will be brought to him on a food tray.

After breakfast, the other prisoners return to their cells while a prison clean-up detail sweeps floors and mops floors. Afterwards, the prisoners are allowed in the dayrooms to watch television, play checkers, or just sit and

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talk until lunch at 11:30 a.m.

There are more cleanups after lunch and dinner, and on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, a chance at more television for the other prisoners.

Chambliss will have to remain, except for exercise, in his cell block corridor.

WHENEVER CHAMBLISS has to meet his attorney, a deputy will accompany him from his cell to an isolated room on the 7th floor, across from the warden's office.

Chambliss, who recently claimed he has stomach cancer, will receive any medications he needs from a doctor who visits the jail each day or from two county medical technicians on duty at the jail.

deputies say chambliss' routine will continue in exactly the same fashion each day he is at the jail, unvaried except for the view from his cell window, which looks out over the downtown public library.